

# events calendar

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- Sunday**     **The finance figures for November 2019** are available from the table at the back of church.
- TODAY**     **Today you are invited** to take part in our gathering for prayer as we start the year. Throughout the afternoon there will be times to reflect, listen, make and receive prayer. Come for as long or as short a time as you are able. Our purpose is to seek the Lord together and pray for His help as we serve Him in 2020. Start time is 1.30pm with different sessions every hour. **The Embrace service** is included in the afternoon at 4.45pm “Making space in our lives to be people who pray.”  
Details are on the sheet **“St T’s Gathering for Prayer & Fasting”** which is inside the notice sheet.
- Tuesday**     **Toddler Group** meets in Gyle Hall at 10.00am. Please speak to Hilary Robinson for further details.
- Wednesday**     **Rooted** will meet at 2.30pm in Crèche. Contact Kerstin Prill 07849716265 or Alison Bogie 0771 957 0476 for further details.
- Thursday**     **Coffee Plus** meet in Main Hall from 10am – 12noon.  
**Central Meeting** at 7.30pm in the main hall.
- Further ahead**     **Programme Term cards** for January to April 2020 are available on table at back of church  
**Manor Grange service** at Manor Grange Care Home on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 2.00pm. If you are interested in going along or supporting the team please contact Mark Gilmour.  
**Vestry** meet on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January in the Crèche at 7.30pm.

# other information

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## Advent Appeal

The World Concern Committee is very grateful to everyone who supported our Advent Project. We are delighted to be able to report that the total amount donated now stands at £4,619. We expect to be able to reclaim an additional £580 from Gift Aid, which will make the total we give in support of The Funky Frog an amazing £5,200! That exceeds our dreams, and we give thanks to our Lord for providing so generously.



## Thank you for your help!

Philip Busby & Rosemary Harvey would like to thank everyone who helped with cleaning all three kitchens on Saturday. Your help and hard work was very much appreciated. Thank you very much.

## Flower rota

Each week flowers are placed in church. Following the Sunday service the flowers are then divided into bunches and given to people who are housebound, in care homes, ill, recently bereaved, marking the anniversary of a loved one, as a thank you or to mark a celebration.... The flowers are much appreciated by those who receive them.

The flower rota sheets for 2020 are on the corridor notice board. Please sign up for a week on which you would like to pay for or provide the flowers and indicate with a tick in the checkbox if you would also like someone from the flower team to arrange them for you. Thank you for your help.'

Further details from Sheila Nicol or any member of the flower team.



The flowers today were donated from  
and arranged by a member of the flower team

# for our prayers

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*Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.*

## Give thanks for:

**Our Vestry and Trustees** gathering yesterday to seek the Lord and discern future plans.

**Invitations accepted**, new contacts made, and joyful welcome of the knitted angelic gifts over Christmas!

## Pray for:

**Fred & Liz Norwood and family** as he faces serious illness – for peace, care and comfort.

**For Catherine Murray** – that her condition improves and that a plan for her care is put together

**For the leadership of Iran and the United States** – that further conflict will be avoided. Pray that all nations will repent of their arrogance, unrighteous anger and wrongdoing.

**For the families of all those who died in the plane crash in Iran on Tuesday** – that clear answers to their questions are given and that they will receive comfort.

**For Australia** as they continue to experience terrible bush fires – for those battling the fires and for government response. Pray for miraculous rain.



The **st thomas' story** and hymn-books are available in large print.  
We also have a **hearing loop system** installed.



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# The **st thomas'** story



12<sup>th</sup> January

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## today's story @ 10.30am Service

**Welcome** to our morning service. Sandy Benzies will lead the service and David McCarthy will preach on “The Uniqueness of Christ”  
Colossians 1: 15-23.

**Lighthouse** (Sunday School) groups meet as follows: **Creche** (0-3yrs) The Creche Room downstairs is available throughout the service with a live audio and video feed; **Sparklers** (3yrs - P2) meet downstairs in the Crypt; **Spotlight** (P3-P6) meets in the lower Lennon Rooms; and, **Fusion** (P7-S3) will meet in Upper Lennon rooms.

Our **Prayer Team** is available, by the pulpit steps, at the end of the service. Please come forward for prayer, either for yourself or for others. Someone will be pleased to pray with you or for you.

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## staff and contacts

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**For items to be in next Sunday's st thomas' story, please contact the office by 10 am Thursday**

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